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The President's Message

Hello Searchers and Visitors!

All gave some. Some gave all....

Let's give back! Seeing their display of items at the OC Fair this past weekend put me in mind of how we can get more quality material to the Vets at the VA Hospital.

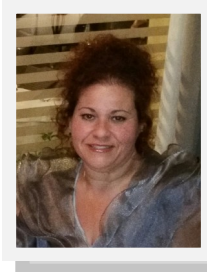
I'll be bringing Larry Richie's slab box to each monthly meeting. Please try to remember to bring a rock or slab for the box. What is one rock, compared to what these guys have sacrificed for us, and our freedom?

And finally, I'll leave you with some rockhound humor, or shall I say, a "Slab Silly"

The Geologist's Lament By RL Frism (Lodestone 1940)

Gather 'round me, hear my story, I'm a rockhound in distress:
I'm a rockhound bathed in troubles. I'm an outcast, more or less.
I have fossils in the kitchen. I have crystals in the Hall.
I have min'rals in the bathtub. I have relics on the walls.
I have oxides on the carpet. I have oil upon the floor;
I have black light in the parlor; I have bones behind each door.
Attic rooms are fairly sagging; flat rocks pave the cellar floor-
Pockets bulge with gemmy pieces. All this and millions more.
Wifey thinks that I am goofy: I don't know: she may be right;
She insists I've silicosis or some horrid form of "ite"
Says my head is lined with agate (Freak replacement of the bone);
Claims my brain is just a nodule, says my heart has turned to stone.
Threatens me with separation: storms about our rock-lined home;
Says my life is just a geode or a hunk of mammal bone.
Are you rated as a fossil? Or obliged to live alone?
How can you maintain a hobby, and still have a happy home?

Heather Jaeckels 2016 President, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society



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FIELD TRIPS

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Searcher's Potluck-Picnic
2016
Let's get out and have some
fun!
see page 6 for details



Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS

Field Trip: Holbrook Az. Sept. 2-4 (Preliminary)

ITINERARY FOR HOLBROOK TRIP 2016 Preliminary July 2

This trip is being planned by the Pasadena Lapidary Society. Stayed tuned on the website for further information. <http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org/Calendar.html>

Friday, September 2nd – Drive to Holbrook, AZ.

- Route 1: The fast route is 8.5 hours (plus stops for gas, photos, food and such) via I-40 east from Barstow, CA, through Kingman, Flagstaff and Winslow. It's worth driving through Seligman on old U.S. Route 66 on the way.
- Route 2: Our vehicle will take this route less traveled. It is 9.5 hours (plus stops for gas, photos, food and such). I-10 east to Phoenix, then U.S. 60 east to Globe, where we will stop at the Copper City Rock Shop before continuing east. The highway winds through the scenic Salt River Canyon and up along the cliffs to the Mogollon Rim and to the old lumber town of Show Low, where we will turn north on AZ-77 through Snowflake and into Holbrook.
- Overnight at the Motel 6 in Holbrook. Arrive at your own pace.
- There is a Denny's next to the motel that gives a discount to motel guests. Those on this trip are welcome to plan breakfast and dinner meals here. They can also make lunch sandwiches if you don't bring your own fixins.

Saturday, September 3rd – Holbrook Area

Pack a lunch and meet in the motel parking lot after breakfast at 9am to sign in.

- Drive to Petrified Forest National Park Visitor's Center. View video and exhibits.
- Self-drive tour (28 miles) of Petrified Forest National Park (\$20 per car fee. Leave any petrified wood items in your motel room). Enjoy our picnic lunch in the park.
- Visit a factory that makes petrified wood products in St. Johns, AZ.
- Visit the Dobell Ranch to collect petrified wood.
- Visit Jim Gray's Petrified Wood shop near Holbrook.
- Drive through this old Route 66 town, the Wigwam Motel at 811 W Hopi Drive in Holbrook and return to our motel.
- Dinner on our own or at Denny's.

Sunday, September 4th – Holbrook Area

• Pack a lunch or plan to eat at the La Posada Hotel and Meet in the motel parking lot after breakfast at 9am.

- Drive to Meteor Crater, visit the crater, meteor fragments and museum.
- Lunch stop at the historic La Posada Hotel in Winslow, AZ. Purchase lunch at their restaurant or enjoy your own on picnic tables.
- Afternoon of collecting petrified wood on a private ranch and other areas near Joseph City.
- Return to our motel for our farewell dinner at Denny's.

Monday, September 5th Labor Day Holiday —

Return to your home or other northern Arizona locations at your leisure.



For field trip information contact: Robert Burson V.P. Field Trips, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, bursonrocks@verizon.net

Field Trip Report: Wrightwood Earthquake & Actinolite Trip



The multi-club field trip to view the San Andreas fault in several locations and search for actinolite was a great success! Expertly led by Don Ogden (North Orange County) and Mark Nelson (Pasadena) with an informative and helpful hand-out, we saw many instances of interesting California geology, crossing back and forth between the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate. It was a strange and magic feeling to have our feet on two plates at once! The fault was readily apparent in the beautiful scrublands. We found actinolite at several locations amid interesting (and spiky) yucca brush land or in the dry riverbed.



The weather was perfect, with several stunning "sunbows" at more than one location. Half a dozen or so Searchers attended, including Mike Sue, Anna, Greg, Bill and Margaret. Members of other clubs attended, also. This is a field trip that anyone can do in any vehicle. A good time was had by all!



Margaret Hogarth



August Speaker: The man who doesn't need a microphone to get our attention, Lothar of the SCC Gemology program returns again to deliver a talk on corundum and various properties between the gem market favorites: ruby and sapphire. He teaches intro and advanced Colored Stones at SCC, and for anyone who hasn't taken his class yet you can be expected to be severely tempted after he's done.

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
8-9-2016	Lothar Vallot	Corundum

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site:

www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2016 CFMS Gem Shows

AUGUST

August 5 - 7: NIPOMO, CA Orcutt Mineral Society Nipomo High School 525 North Thompson Avenue Hours: Fri/Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Wayne W. Mills, (805) 481-3495 Email: wwmills50@hotmail.com Website: www.omsinc.org

August 13 - 14: SAN FRANCISCO, CA San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society San Francisco County Fair Building 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 Contact: Ellen Nott, (415) 564-4230 Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com Website: www.sfgemshow.org

SEPTEMBER

September 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA 77th CFMS Show & Convention Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society El Dorado County Fairgrounds 100 Placerville Drive Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily Contact: Barbara Terrill, 530 676-2375 Email: info@rockandgemshow.org Web Site: www.cfms2016show.com

September 17 - 18: CHICO, CA Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 2357 Fair Street Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4 John Scott, (530) 321-6331 Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net Website: www.featherriverrocks.org

September 24 - 25: LODI, CA Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club Lodi Grape & Harvest Festival Grounds 413 East Lockford Street

Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411 Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 24 - 25: MONTEREY, CA Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds 2004 Fairgrounds Road Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311 Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net Website: www.cvgms.org

September 24 - 25: REDWOOD CITY, CA Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society Community Activities Building 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Catherine Fraser, 650-954-6020 Email: catherinefraser@fraseradv.com Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

September 24 - 25: SANTA ROSA, CA Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society Wells Fargo Center for the Art 50 Mark West Springs Road Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Jolene Coon Website: www.srmgs.org

September 28 - October 2: YUCCA VALLEY, CA Hi-Desert Rockhounds Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree 6225 Sunburst Street Hours: 9 - 6 daily Contact: Wayne Hamilton, (760) 366-2915 Email: jtsportsmans@gmail.com Website: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

OCTOBER

October 1 - 2: BORON, CA Mojave Mineralogical Society Boron Recreation Park 26998 John Street Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4 Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829 Email: daviesb@yahoo.com

October 1 - 2: VISTA, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570 Email: rays-rocks@cox.net

October 8 - 9: ANDERSON, CA Shasta Gem & Mineral Society Shasta District Fairgrounds 1890 Briggs Street Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Steve Puderbaugh, 530-604-2951 Email: kelly13@shasta.com Show Website: www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 8 - 9: GRASS VALLEY, CA Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building) 11228 McCourtney Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Todd Lawson, (530) 305-9212 Email: webmaster@ncgms.org Website: www.ncgms.org

October 8 - 9: TRONA, CA Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society SLGM Show Building 13337 Main Street Hours: Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4 Jim and Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356 Email: slgms@iwvisp.com Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 15: WEST HILLS, CA Woodland Hills Rock Chippers First United Methodist Church 22700 Sherman Way Hours: 10 - 5 Contact: Mary Beth Pio, (818) 349-9164 Email: info@rockchippers.org Website: www.rockchippers.org

August Birthstone - Peridot



In the Field: Washington Rockhounding



Jack and I decided that in our sightseeing trip to Washington, we would also look for rocks. What rockhound wouldn't look for a chance to hunt those elusive rocks in other states. We found a couple of clubs and local rockhounds to give us places to go. We were even invited to go on a field trip. We discovered that in Washington, a little thing like rain does not cancel a field trip. We woke up to rain that morning and were told the field trip was still on. At the meeting site there was 13 vehicles including us. There was even a car from



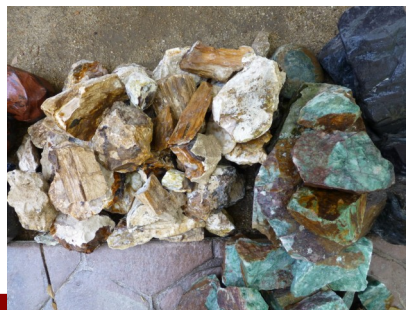
Canada. Briefing in the rain; driving to the first site, in the rain; rock hunting in a stream, in the rain. One item not needed on a Washington field trip- a spray bottle! One car parked too close on the edge of the road at the first site. Had to be towed out. We thought that was it for that one, but before we knew she had caught up to the caravan at the second site, ready to collect. Speaking of the second sight, 4 miles



in on a graveled forest road. Potholes but good road otherwise. All forest roads in Washington are graveled otherwise no one would ever get anywhere and trees would never be logged out. It was quite an adventure to take our old camper that far in on the narrow gravel road for some star-burst serpentine. The camper came out a little worse for wear when one of the hold down eye bolts stretched almost to the breaking point. It did serve its purpose until we reached home with another large collection of rocks from various locations throughout Washington. So different than digging in the desert sands of home.



Editor Linda Horn and Jack



Searcher's Potluck- Picnic 2016

Date and Time: Saturday, August 6th
from 11am to 3pm

Location: Yorba Regional Park, 7600 E. La
Palma Ave, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807

Area: Site #6 by Parking Lot #2

Contacts: Veronica Purura (714) 501-9959

The Searcher's will provide sodas and water

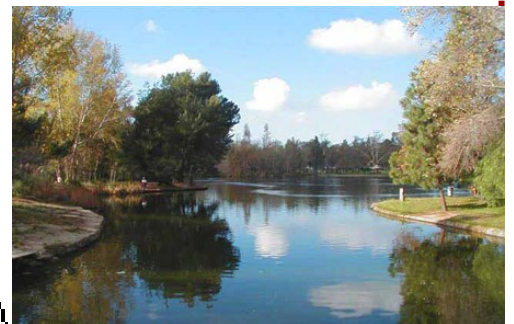
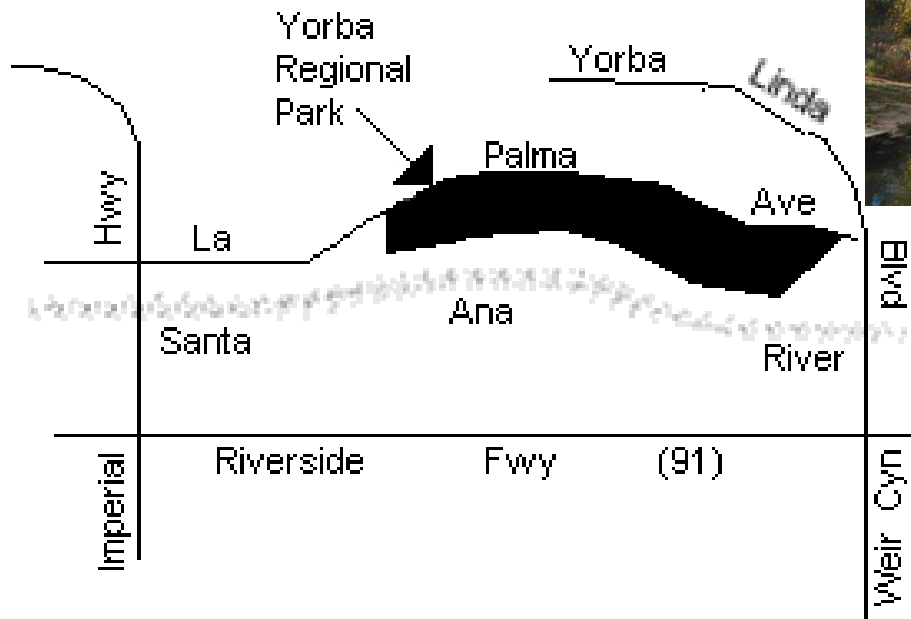
Parking: \$5 fee (no free re-entry)

Please respond to Veronica angeldragonoflight@yahoo.com

if you are planning on attending and let her know what you would like to bring.

Notes: Please remember to bring appropriate serving utensils when you bring a dish.

Members can bring their own grill if they chose.



Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.

Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
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